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STATE OF MICHIGAN
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
STANLEY "SKIP" PRUSS, DIRECTOR

NIDA R. SAMONA
CHAIRPERSON

February 4, 2009

Dear Licensees,

The 75th Anniversary of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) brought many changes to our Licensing Division. The division that was once divided into On-Premises, Off-Premises, Manufactures and Wholesalers, and Special Licenses has been re-designed to take on a more team approach to the MLCC's licensing matters. Licensing now consists of four units; for on-premises and off-premises licenses, each unit has a different focus and different expertise towards their matter.

Approximately 17,200 retail businesses, including bars, grocery stores, restaurants, hotels, convenience stores and pharmacies have one or more active licenses. The Division renews almost 27,000 retail licenses and issues about 6,200 Special (24-hour) Licenses annually. The Manufacturers and Wholesalers Section is responsible for the issuance of approximately 2,100 licenses and permits (manufacturers and other non-retail agents), and the approval of labeling and advertising by manufacturers and wholesalers.

Each specialized unit consists of different responsibilities. Unit 1 is focused on the initial processing of applications. Unit 2 is accountable for preparing paperwork for investigations necessary for the licensee to open for business. Unit 3 reviews investigation reports and recommendations from local law enforcement and local government agencies for Commission consideration. Unit 4 processes the closing packages, releases Commission orders and reviews all closing papers. Manufactures and Wholesalers will continue to operate business as usual.

To contact each of the 4 different Units the following contact information should be used:

Unit	Phone
Unit 1 First Requests	517-636-0757
Unit 2 Authorizing	517-636-0127
Unit 3 Submitting Paperwork	517-636-0204
Unit 4 Final Preparations	517-636-0211

In March of 2009, the 2009-2010 renewal season kicks off. The Licensing Division asks that licensees be aware that all retail licenses expire on April 30 of each year pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(2) of the Michigan Liquor Control Code and Commission Rule 436.1107. Active businesses must have the new license(s) displayed on the premises by May 1 in order to continue to sell alcoholic beverage products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nida R. Samona".

Nida Samona
Chairperson

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